



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Head of High School

Dear Parents and Students

We hope that you enjoy our first newsletter for Term 2. Semester 1 reports for all High School students will be completed in the near future, with parent – teacher meetings after Chinese New Year.

This term, students in Year 9 and students in H2 will be asked to choose the subjects that they want to study for next year, in H1 and H3 respectively. There will be an information evening for parents and students after Chinese New Year to help you with this process.

Please keep Friday 5th February in your diary for the annual ESC Music Concert.

Yours sincerely

Roger Schultz – Head of British and High School Sections

TO REMEMBER...

H1 and H3 Semester 1 reports will be issued on Friday 29th January.

H2 and H4 reports will be issued on Friday 12th February.

YEAR 7, 8 and 9 students in the British section must wear the correct school uniform at all times.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

**WEEK 3 H1 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK
H2 AND H4 MOCK EXAMINATIONS**

Friday 22nd January

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Saturday 23rd January

JVB Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament @ TAS

**WEEK 4 Friday 29th January
Friday 29th - Saturday 30th**

Semester 1 Reports for H1 and H3 issued

JVB Basketball @ MAK

**WEEK 5 Monday 1st - Thursday 4th February
Thursday 4th February**

Futurewise Interviews and Careers Education visit

ESC Music Concert Rehearsal Day

UKMT - H2 and below

Friday 5th February

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Saturday 6th February

TES Boys U14 Football Trophy @ ESC

Friday 5th February 2010

ESC Annual Music Concert

Phase 2 Atrium from 19:00 - 21:30

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British Section



Section Française



TES High School

Dates for term 2 up to Chinese New Year

The dates for many of the events happening during this term are on the News section of the website. Some dates that we would like to mention leading up to Chinese New Year are:

Wednesday 13 th - Friday 22 nd January	H2 and H4 Mock examinations
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd January	H1 Work Experience week
Friday 29 th January	H1 and H3 Semester 1 Academic reports
Friday 5 th February	ESC Music Concert
Monday 8 th - Thursday 11 th February	Class Photographs
Friday 12 th February	H2 and H4 Semester 1 Academic reports

The Chinese New Year Holiday is from Monday 15th - Friday 19th February

Very important - In case of lateness and absence

Please ensure that if lateness is unavoidable, your child reports to either the British section Office (Phase 1 building) or the High School Office (Phase II building) with a note. Should your child be sick and unable to attend school, please ensure that they return to us with a note explaining their absence. This support is much appreciated and allows us to ensure the safety of your child.

Some TES website links of interest:

Frequently Asked Questions about Secondary Education

<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tht/documents/WebsiteFAQs.pdf>

Key Stage 3 Information

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tbs/key_stage_three.php

IGCSE Information for parents

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tht/IGCSE_information_book.php

IB Information for parents

<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tht/ib.php>

Dates for events for Term 2 this year

<http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tht/events.php>

University Placements of TES Graduates Worldwide (in Chinese)

http://www.taipeieuropeanschool.com/tht/documents/TESGraduateUniversityOffersandPlacements-inChinese_000.pdf

Student Counseling Service at the ESC

We are very pleased to let you know that Ms Jenny Hsu our Student Counselor, based in our Student Welfare Office in the Phase 1 building will be available at the following times:

Monday : 8am to 12.30pm

Wednesday : 8am to 5pm

Friday : 8am to 12.30pm

Should you wish to contact Jenny at school please email: jenny.hsu@tes.tp.edu.tw or call 2862 2920 ext : 604. We continue to be very impressed with the excellent support Jenny offers our community.

You and your child can expect the counselor to:

- be safe, honest and trustworthy
- support and help the teenagers to make changes
- be non-judgmental and not to lay blame
- be sensitive to your family background and culture
- explore thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- be creative: talking, playing, drawing, writing and reading
- listen carefully, be caring and respectful
- tell you about risks you should know about
- act as an advocate for your teenagers and you when necessary
- maintain confidentiality unless your child or someone else is 'at risk'

The PSHCE Programme this term

PSHCE stands for 'Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education'. This aspect of the curriculum is being developed to meet the needs of our students, their roles as global citizens, active members of the community and incorporates the best practice in PSHCE teaching and learning from the UK. In Term 2 the following topics will be covered in our PSHCE programme:

Year Level	PSHCE curriculum
7	Smoking, Personal Hygiene, Puberty. For our Global Dimension 'Religions of the World' and 'Discrimination' will be explored.
8	Communication, Diversity and Service Project
9	Relationships Education, Alcohol and Smoking
H1	Careers and work Experience, Racism and Discrimination, Gender Issues and Sex and Relationships Education
H2	Service Project, Drug Education, Sex and Relationships
H3	Mental Health - Stress, Personal Safety - Self-Defence, Target setting, Investigating further education, Careers and Global Dimension : Cambodia
H4	Examination preparation, Mental health: Stress, Personal Safety - Self Defence, Sex and Relationships Education.

Pastoral Leadership Team Visit to Harmony Home Children's Shelter

On the 6th January the British and High School Section visited the Harmony Home Children's Shelter in Taipei to learn more about the work of the Shelter and the lives of the people who live, work and are cared for there. Through the Service Projects integrated in our PSHE programme, we continue to build partnerships with important organizations in our community. H2 will be working with Harmony Home in coming weeks. We are very excited by this opportunity and the invaluable skills our students will develop through their involvement.



Key Stage 3 Study Club

Every Thursday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Phase II library

Sometimes it's tricky managing a busy week ...

- Getting homework in on time
- Knowing how to find information for school assignments
- Remembering how to do your Maths problems
- Planning your writing for English
- Learning a language
- Being organised for all your lessons



Thankfully at TES we have great High School Peer Tutors, available at Study Club to provide support for all of these things and more. Peer tutoring is very effective for all students concerned. Participation in Study Club for some students could be on a 'drop in' basis, so study Club has something to offer everyone.

How to join Study Club?

Students are free to come along to Study Club each week, diary, homework or class work should be brought along. Parents interested in their child participating please contact me at school via email:

rachel.harris@tes.tp.edu.tw

Rachel Harris. Assistant Head of Secondary (Student Welfare)

Key Stage Three - Academic Target Setting and Reporting

As you are aware, the Key Stage Three students have been set academic targets by each of their subject teachers. Subject Target Setting sheets should be stapled into their Homework Diaries for easy reference. Next week Heads of Year and form teachers will be revisiting the targets with the students in order to ensure that they are working towards meeting them. The rationale for setting targets and the importance of working towards meeting these will be discussed in form time. Please find time to discuss the targets with your child at home and also sign the target sheets.

Key Stage Three students will receive a Progress Report this term on 12 March. This report aims to give a brief overview of progress being made and will be followed by another set of detailed reports in June at the end of term three. The Progress Reports will include new academic targets. These will be discussed with students in the week beginning 22 March when the current targets will also be reviewed.

Sarah Pearson – Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)



British Section

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Subject Target Setting

Term 1

Subject: Year 7 French

My target for improvement is:

Sustain current interest in and enthusiasm towards French.

Use French only in the classroom.

Volunteer as many answers as possible.

This target has been discussed and agreed with my teacher.

Signature of student Date

Signature of teacher Date

Signature of parent Date

This target will be reviewed in the week beginning 22 March 2010

Target Review

Progress made with target	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Need Development

Optional Teacher Comment:

Signature of student Date

Signature of teacher Date

Signature of parent Date

Academic Reports for High School Students

Semester one reports for High School students will be sent home over the next few weeks. Students in **H1 and H3** will receive their reports on **Wednesday 3 February** and **H2 and H4** students will receive their reports on **Friday 12 February**. These reports will be full academic reports giving attainment grades, mock examination results (for H2 and H4 students), learning and performance indicators, a teacher comment, and improvement targets for each subject.

In addition to their reports the students will also receive a target setting sheet detailing their improvement target for each subject. These targets will be discussed with teachers in the designated **Target Setting Week** which begins on **March 1. Parent Teacher Interviews for High School** students will be held on **Wednesday 3 March** from 1.30pm until 7.00pm. Details regarding this evening will be circulated in due course.

You will be able to access electronic copies of your child's reports via QS Web from 5 February for H1 and H3 students and from 16 February for H2 and H4 students. Details of the Reporting Timeframe are below. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the reporting and target setting process.

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)
Email: sarah.pearson@tes.tp.edu.tw

<u>Reporting Timeframe 2010</u>								
	7	8	9	H1	H2	H3	H4	
Jan					Mock IGCSE examinations		Mock IB examinations	
Feb				3 Feb Full academic reports issued	12 Feb. Full academic reports issued	3 Feb Full academic reports issued	12 Feb. Full academic reports issued	
				Targets from these reports will also appear on the student target sheets.				
Mar	12 March Progress Reports - Targets from these reports will also appear on the student target sheets. Week beg. 22 March Target review and setting week- Teachers will discuss academic targets with students and parents			Week beg. 1 March Parent Teacher Interviews (3 March) + target review and setting week- Teachers will discuss academic targets with students and parents				
April								
May	5 May – Parent-Teacher Interviews				IGCSE examinations commence.		IB examinations commence	
June	25 June Full academic reports issued			25 June Full Reports		25 June Full Reports		
	Targets from previous reports will appear in the target review box on this report and teachers will comment on the progress made with achieving the targets as well as setting new targets.							

Subject Options and Information Evening for 2010 – 2011 (for current Year 9 and H2 students)

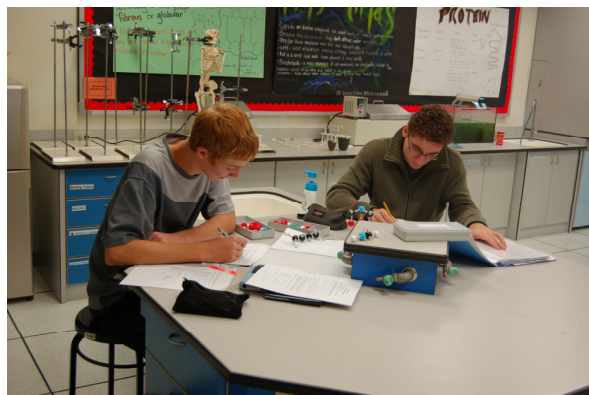
On Tuesday 23rd February, the week after Chinese New Year, there will be an information evening for parents and students. Information presented will be about the IGCSE and IB programme predominantly for parents with children joining these programmes, Year 9 and H2 but all parents are welcome to attend. Students currently in Year 9 moving into H1 next year or students in H2 moving into H3 next year need to select their subjects for study this term. More information about the Subject Options and Information Evening will be provided before Chinese New Year.

University and Careers News

University and Careers News

- This week H1 students are out on Work Experience. They each have a logbook to fill in recording their work placement experience; so parents you can check this! On Thursday and Friday teachers are visiting students to interview them as well. Hopefully all will have an enjoyable and fulfilling time to report back to the review session during PSHCE next week.
- H4 students are now well into the application process for universities and colleges. UK and North America are the popular choices this year as in the past. Many UK applicants are receiving conditional offers from some prestigious universities. US and Canadian applicants will get their answers by April. During this term our students looking towards continental Europe and Asia are applying too. Hong Kong is growing as a destination for our H4 students as its universities are highly regarded internationally and their fees competitive.
- February 1-4 sees the return of Mr. John Broadbent who will conduct follow up interviews with H2 students after the *Futurewise* testing programme last year.
- Information regarding summer schools for 2010 in the US and Europe is beginning to arrive. Websites that are being promoted at the moment are:
www.ibsummerschool.com
ysp.umd.edu/is (University of Maryland)
www.oxbridgeprograms.com
www.tscollegetours.com (US college tours for students)

IB and IGCSE Mock Examinations



The IB mock examinations have just finished for the H2 and H4 students. The mock examinations took place from 13 January 2010 to 22 January 2010. It is important that the H2 and H4 students look upon this as an opportunity to test themselves against IGCSE and IB examination papers under a replica of the real conditions. The mock examinations also serve as a diagnostic tool for their teachers to provide insightful and directed advice. However, if a student does not adequately prepare, this opportunity will be lost, and the only feedback that the teacher can provide is that the student needs to prepare more thoroughly.

Students who are successful revise actively, thinking about what the material they are learning means. The more links a student can make to the information that they are revising, the more readily they will be able to recall it. When a student feels their concentration is waning they should take a fifteen minute break and then resume their study with a quick review of the work they have previously covered. Nevertheless, learning facts and concepts is only fifty percent of examination preparation, and the students also need to complete as many practice questions as they can. I would also recommend that the students seek the help of their teachers when they are unsure about a concept or idea that they are revising. It is very hard for a student to remember something that they don't understand.

Click here to find out more about how to approach study for exams:

<http://www.taipei europeanschool.com/th/documents/AGuidetoStudySkills.pdf>

Parents show their skills at the ESC

On a cold but sunny Saturday 5th December, French, German and British parents from the High and Secondary School Parents Association (HSS PA) assisted by accompanying students built four picnic tables with benches for the Phase I playground on Yang Ming Shan Campus.

Concerned by the lack of seating areas for students particularly during lunch break in the small Phase I canteen and keen to improve student life at the campus the HSS PA decided to build picnic tables under the supervision of Committee member Mike Humphrey. Mike expertly prepared the wood (purchased with the skillful help of two other Committee members Alice and Shen-li) and templates then supervised four teams of builders, completing the project by 2:30 in the afternoon.



The considerably cheaper option of building the tables ourselves has enabled sufficient funds to be reserved for sun umbrellas to be purchased for the tables in the spring. Parents and students enjoyed the experience of working together on the project and look forward to meeting together again at the upcoming Evening Social on March 4th. If you would like to know more about the HSS PA please visit the link on the TES High School web page or join us at our monthly meetings. (Margaret Ledoux Chair ledouxmargaret@yahoo.co.uk; Rita Sposato ritamari_2008@libero.it)



Le spectacle de Noël 2009



Section Française

Comme tous les ans l'auditorium du campus de Wenlin était plein pour le spectacle de Noël ce jeudi 17 décembre 2009!

Quel succès pour les élèves de la section française!



Les petits étaient bien sûr à l'honneur mais le collège de la section française était aussi présent!

Cette année la classe de 5ème et un élève de la classe de 4ème Nicolas Lucas ont activement participé au spectacle.

Nicolas a fait un **spectacle de magie** seul sur scène.

La salle a pu participer aux tours de magie, comme ce fut le cas de Mr Trividic. Les tours ont étonné les

plus jeunes élèves et le public a adoré la prestation d'un si jeune magicien!

Les cinquièmes quant à eux, ont proposé une mise en scène très originale d'une

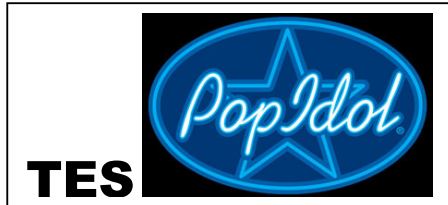


machine infernale.

Le principe est simple: un élève arrive sur scène un par un et fait un geste et un son qu'il répète à la manière d'une machine. Les élèves arrivent les uns après les autres, jusqu'à constituer une machine infernale, sans aucun autre but que de faire un orchestre inutile mais très drôle à regarder et à entendre!

L'originalité de cette performance provient de

Mr Schneider, professeur de français au collège. Un moment très apprécié par tous les élèves et les collègues présents au spectacle.



Despite many complications, illnesses and postponements, the first TES Pop Idol managed to still be a resounding success!

The event, hosted by our very own Mr. Edwards, was made up of 12 amazing acts competing for 15,000NT of prizes. The performers represented almost all of the age groups within the Secondary School, and the quality of the talent made it very difficult for the panel to choose the final three. We had solo singers, dance acts, duets, and rock bands. The variety of talent was massive; we had Lady Ga Ga, Coldplay, U2, Michael Jackson to name but a few all appearing on one star-studded night.



Emil Yang and Brandon Hsiao

There was so much variety and talent that the four judges ended up choosing a final four! In the end a dance act comprised of boys from several year groups, dancing to the music of Michael Jackson narrowly beat Stefan's Sass' guitar accompanied singing, with third place being taken jointly by our H3's: Emily and Brandon's lovely duets and a rock band playing U2 songs.

The event was good fun for all involved and all the money went to TABITHA Cambodia, including the proceeds from sales of drinks and snacks by the HSS PA, to whom we are very grateful. To emphasize this, despite the talent of the performers, for many, the highlight was an interview with Aida and Estelle describing their experiences of house building in Cambodia with TABITHA.



U2 wait to here the judges' views



Stefan 'winning Miss Crystal's heart'

TABITHA is a charity that provides decent housing for the rural poor in Cambodia, one of the poorest countries in Asia. In addition, they provide micro-credit and employment opportunities that allow people to earn money and stay with their families in the countryside, thereby holding these communities together. The IB students have been involved with this charity for a number of years now and make an annual journey to Cambodia to build the houses that the money buys. This year, when the H3's go in June they aim to beat last year's record build of 15 houses by erecting 20 homes in two days!



The judges decide

TES Pop Idol was primarily led and organised by a group of H3 students, who all contributed to making it such a resounding success. As well as the HSS PA we would like to thank our sponsors KPMG, the TES Music department for their technical support and anyone else who helped to contribute to making this a resounding success. We hope that Pop Idol will become a regular fixture in the TES calendar and look forward to it being even bigger and better next year.



Mr. Schultz thanks the organisers

House building in Cambodia



We have wonderful news for the Taipei European School! On Tuesday 19 January we received 50 footballs as an incredible donation to the EPC Campus, the ESC Campus, and for donation to our Tabitha project for orphanages in Cambodia. Much gratitude goes to the warm generosity of Mr. Jim Hill, General Manager of Santa Fe Relocation Services - who made this happen. The 50 footballs were equally distributed so that all of the Sections in EPC can share in the sports "treasures" and the Physical Education Department in ESC will definitely put their share to good use on Yangmingshan!! Once again - many thanks to Mr. Jim Hill and his wonderful crew at Santa Fe Relocation!!

Mike Humphrey 洪邁克
LTC, USA (Ret)
For the HSSPA



Mr. Jim Hill, General Manager of Santa-Fe Relocation Services, presenting the footballs to members of the HSSPA and Staff

The Haitian Earthquake Appeal at TES

The H3 students are currently raising funds to donate to the Red Cross for the people of Haiti in their time of need. The H3 students are committed to raising funds for a number of different charities, but it is to their credit that have quickly got together to help the earthquake victims in Haiti. The money they will collect will help to save lives.



Even small amounts can help and the very large water cooler bottle in the phase 2 atrium is already on its way to being filled with coins. If you have any NT\$ coins please send them in with your child so they can add them to our collection. The H3 students are also selling snacks at break times. On Wednesday break time they sold out with 5 minutes! If you would like to contribute please contact the high school office. Let's hope the Haitians can get the help they so desperately need. The H3 Students would like to especially thank all those people who have already contributed.



Extra Curricular Activities Term 2

Some ECAs that students participate in run through the school year. Sports activities and training for school teams for Term 2 are already underway.

The school show this year is OKLAHOMA and this will run for three nights at the end of Term 2 - from **Wednesday 24th March to Friday 26th March**.

This term, there will be some activities offered from week 4 to week 9. This block of ECAs will commence next week from **Monday 25th January and finish on Friday 12th March**. To join an activity in this block, students need to see the teachers supervising the activity and have their name registered for the activity. They are expected to attend each week the activity runs.



Congratulations to the following students, they will represent TES at the Under 13 FOBISSEA Games to be held at the British International School, Vietnam in March. Well done to all who attended the try outs!

Boys

Bolun **Topham**
Jensen **Yang**
Felix **Klemm**
Bryan **Kao**
Peter **Lee**
Ryan **Baldwin**
John **Turner**
Jonas **Huber**
Gustaf **Moberg**
Thomas
Ostrowski
Calvin **Ku**
Rohan **Sinha**
Jason
Richardson
Oliver **Lin**
Chris **Chen**
Joseph **Lu-Shao**
Brian **Shih**

Girls

Angel **Mai**
Rebecca **Ellis**
Stephanie **Chen**
Nako **Akashi**
Janice **Liu**
Apple **Liu**
Joanna **Lim**
Christine **Hsu**
Vivian **Chuang**
Silvia **Bever**
Trisha **Sinha**
Louise **Jiminez**
Stephanie **Kao**

Go Typhoons!